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NOT FOR CITATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UZMA S. RANA,

No. C10-04116 HRL

Plaintiff,

**ORDER RE JOINT REQUEST TO  
EXCUSE DEFENDANTS'  
ATTENDANCE AT SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

v.

PCCP DCP WEST HOTEL PARTNERS, LLC,  
a Delaware limited liability company; HILTON  
WORLDWIDE, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
MOUSTAFA BLAIH, an individual; MICHAEL  
RATHBURN, an individual; MARY  
QUINTANAR, an individual; and DOES 1  
through 50, inclusive,


Defendants.

A settlement conference has been set for September 19, 2012. This court is informed that, contrary to the undersigned's Standing Order re Settlement Conference Procedures, the parties selected that date, even though it was not available to all defendants. While defense counsel plans to attend the conference in person, the parties now jointly request that the court (1) allow defendants' insurance representative to attend the conference by telephone and (2) excuse the personal attendance of all defendants. And, indeed, it seems that not a single defendant intends to participate in the conference at all, including those who apparently have no scheduling conflict on September 19. This court takes a very dim view of this situation, which it finds is a problem of the parties' own creation.

1 Defendants Blaih and Rathburn shall attend the settlement conference in person. The  
2 corporate defendants and the insurance representative may participate by phone (i.e., telephone  
3 standby). The court reserves the right to terminate the session and reschedule it to a date  
4 convenient to the court if the absence of defendants' insurance representative and defendant  
5 Quintanar proves to be an impediment to settlement.

6 SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: September 17, 2012

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11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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